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SUBJECT: MILITARY TRAVEL TO TAIWAN

,EF: (A) TAIPEI 4231; (B) TAIPEI 4141

1. AS WE WISH TO AVOID PROMINENT VISITS TO TAIWAN BY SENIOR U.S. MILITARY OFFICERS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO PEKING, WE HAVE DISAPPROVED TRAVEL REQUESTS FROM REAR ADMIRAL MILLER, CDR. SEVENTH FLEET CRUISER AND DESTROYER FORCES, AND MAJOR GENERAL POSTON, COMMANDER 13T; AIR FORCE, TO VISIT TAIWAN DURING AUGUST. EM0ASSY SHOULD TAKE SIMILAR LINE AND DISCOURAGE ANY OTHER SUCH VISITS. PLEASE KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF OTHER POTENTIAL VISITS THAT MAY CAUSE PROBLEMS.

2. ADMIRAL MILLER'S TRAVEL CLEARANCE REQUEST HAD MENTIONED
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ONLY A THREE-DAY 13-15 AUGUST VISIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEETING WITH TDC AND REJOINING HIS FLAGSHIP ;N KEELUNG. APPRECIATE YOUR ALERTING US TO POSSIBILITY THAT HE MIGHT MAKE LONGER VISIT INVOLVING CALLS ON ROC MILITARY LEADERS. GENERAL POSTON HAD REQUESTED COMMAND VISIT DURING AUG. 8-10 OR ON AUG. 22. IN DENYING POSTON'S REQUEST, WE INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A COMMAND VISIT AFTER

MID-SEPTEMBER.

3. WE HAVE ALSO DISAPPROVED THE REQUEST FROM REAR ADMIRAL THOMAS OF THE DENTAL CORPS TO VISIT TAIWAN DURING SEPT. 1-8 (REF (B)) BECAUSE WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL FOR A FLAG RANK OFFICER TO VISIT THE SMALL DENTAL UNITS ON TAIWAN.
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